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In Re The Application of:
Earl Cohen

Serial No.: 09/053,237

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For: ROUTE/SERVICE PROCES-
SOR SCALABILITY VIA
FLOW-BASED DISTRIBUTION OF TRAFFIC

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the FINAL Office Action mailed on December 4, 2001, and is also filed in the Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) filed on even date herewith. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24, 25, 33-35, 37-43 without prejudice.